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TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670) ATLANTA (100-5586)

FROM: CHICAGO (100-35356)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM-C.

b7(D)  
[REDACTED] FURNISHED FOLLOWING THIS DATE:

KING'S EXACT ARRIVAL AT CG NOT KNOWN, BELIEVED EVENING  
APRIL FIFTEEN, LAST. CG ACTIVITIES INCLUDED GUEST SPEAKER,  
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, APRIL SEVENTEEN, LAST AND ON APRIL  
EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, VISITED CG URBAN LEAGUE, MET WITH MEMBERS  
SCLC STAFF, AND VISITED HOME OF ATTORNEY CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE.

KING TO DEPART CG FOR ATLANTA SIX THIRTY P.M.  
INSTANT. AIRLINES NOT KNOWN. LHM FOLLOWS.

END

CORRECTION PLS LINE ONE THIRD WORD SHOULD READ KING

LINE SEVEN FIRST WORD SHOULD READ "SCLC RPT SCLC"

END

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AT 5:41 APR 26 1966  
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Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
SM - C

Re Chicago teletypes 4/7, 8/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine (9) copies and for Atlanta three (3) copies of a self-explanatory Letterhead Memorandum concerning captioned individual and his activities in Chicago as known during the period for 4-8-66. Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of the envelope and letter received by

[REDACTED] b7(D)

[REDACTED] b(1)

The Special Agent monitoring the broadcast on 4/10/66, was SA [REDACTED] b7(C)

The investigative Clerk conducting the credit check on 6/4/65, was IC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7(C) b7(D)

## ENCLOSURE

- 4 - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM)  
(1 - 100-438794) (SCLC)
- 3 - Atlanta (Encl. 3) (RM)  
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
- 4 - Chicago  
(1 - 105-1623)  
(1 - 157-413)  
(1 - 157-New) (MORTON ZASLAVSKY)

CMB/sfm AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.  
(11) DEPT: ISD, CRD, RAO, STATE, LEGAT.

DATE FORW: 4/14/66

HOW FORW: R/S

BY: PTR: K

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CC: WICK

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Per

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A case is being opened concerning [REDACTED] b7(c)  
in which further background information will be developed,  
and through which the Chicago Office will follow local  
investigation.

Based on available information, Chicago cannot identify  
[REDACTED] with prior file references.

b7(c) Copies of this Letterhead Memorandum are being  
disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, United  
States Secret Service and Region I, 113th INTC Group.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
April 12, 1966

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

b7(D)

On April 7, 1966 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the Chicago  
Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as follows:

Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) arrived in Chicago during  
the evening of April 6, 1966. On April 7, 1966, King spent  
the morning at the offices of the Chicago Urban League, and in  
the afternoon King was to appear before a gathering of students  
and faculty at the University of Illinois, Circle Campus,  
Chicago, Illinois.

In the evening of April 7, 1966, King was to appear  
at a church located on Chicago's south side, the purpose of  
or details regarding this meeting were not known.

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

The "Chicago Daily News" on April 6, 1966, contained an article stating that on April 5, 1966, an order was handed down in Circuit Court, Chicago, Illinois, enjoining Martin Luther King and the SCLC from interfering with the operation of an apartment building at 1321 South Homan, Chicago, Illinois, or collecting rents from the tenants at this building. Further, an accounting was ordered for rents which had been collected and repair expenditures made by King since he took over this building.

This article reported that a SCLC official at Atlanta, Georgia, had advised that the court order would be contested and that this was only the first step to build up a body of legal precedent to guarantee tenants' rights.

On April 8, 1966, [REDACTED] b7(D) advised that King was to attend a SCLC workshop at Woodstock, Illinois, during the afternoon of April 8, 1966, and at 8:40 p.m. King was scheduled to depart Chicago, Illinois, for Atlanta, Georgia.

On April 10, 1966, a program "Sunday with Martin Luther King" was aired on radio station WAAF-AM from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

In monitoring this program, it was noted that it consisted of the sermon by King pointing out that just as Christianity had overcome evil, Negroes would overcome the evil standing between them and freedom.

Listeners were requested to contribute to the SCLC at 123 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, and were invited to tune in each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. to hear Martin Luther King.

The "Daily News" on April 5, 1966, contained an article identifying Lavernon Cornelius, 7354 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, as one of the sponsors of a "Negro Vigilante Unit" in Chicago known as "The Deacons of Defense and Justice" (DDJ). Cornelius was reported in this article as saying that deacons are primed to fight a war if necessary to protect Negro rights.

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"Sincerely yours

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had r [REDACTED] as to the identity of [REDACTED]

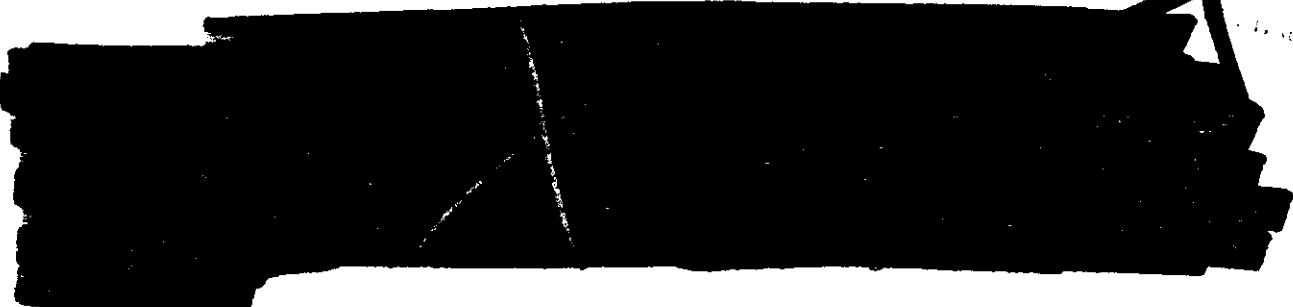
The above letter was furnished to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Police Department.

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.



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FBI MIAMI

1054 PM EST URGENT 4-13-66 JVV

TO DIRECTOR /100-438794/ AND ATLANTA /100-5718/

FROM MIAMI /157-489/

COMMINFIL OF SCLC. IS - C.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED FOUR THIRTEEN SIXTYSIX THAT ON AFTERNOON OF THIS DATE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT HAMPTON HOUSE MOTEL, MIAMI, WHERE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) HOLDING NATIONAL BOARD MEETING. KING READ RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY SCLC WHICH STATED U.S. SHOULD "SERIOUSLY EXAMINE THE WISDOM OF PROMPT WITHDRAWAL" FROM VIET NAM. IT CONTINUES "THE GANGRENE OF VIET NAM HAS RECENTLY BEEN MADE A CONFLICT OF CONFUSED DIRECTIONS, A TRAGIC SPECTACLE " AND AMERICAN POLICY "IMPRISONED IN THE DESTINY OF A MILITARY OLIGARCHY." THE RESOLUTION CHARGED THAT THE BASIC INSTITUTIONS OF THE SOUTH VIET NAM SOCIETY EXPRESS CONTEMPT FOR THE GOVERNMENT THE U.S. IS SUPPORTING; DESPITE PROTESTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THE PROMISES OF "THE GREAT SOCIETY" TOP THE CASUALTY LIST OF

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THE CONFLICT; THE VIET NAM WAR HAS MADE THE POOR, WHITE AND NEGRO, BEAR THE HEAVIEST BURDENS BOTH AT THE FRONT AND AT HOME, AND ANOTHER CASUALTY OF THE WAR IS THE PRINCIPLE OF DISSENT WHERE THOSE IN OPPOSITION ARE CHARACTERIZED AS DISLOYAL OR TRAITORS. RESOLUTION CALLED FOR UNITED STATES TO END AID TO THE PRESENT MILITARY JUNTA.

KING EMPHASIZED SCLC REMAINS ESSENTIALLY CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AND RESOLUTION DOES NOT MEAN IT INTENDS TO SPONSOR PEACE DEMONSTRATIONS.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT NATIONAL BOARD MEETINGS HAVE LASTED INTO EARLY MORNING HOURS; ATTENDED BY STANLEY LEVISON.

SOURCE SAID KING WILL HOLD ANOTHER PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL FOURTEEN, HAMPTON HOUSE, COMMENTING ON LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS CONDITIONS.

CHARACTERIZATION OF LEVISON AND IDENTITY OF SOURCES FOLLOW.

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 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-489) (P)  
 RE: COMINFIL OF SCIC  
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ReBuairtels 4/4/5/66.

The 4/11/66 issue of 'The Miami News,' local newspaper, reflected MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. arrived Miami this date accompanied by SCIC staff, including HARRY BOYIE, Rev. ANDREW YOUNG and ROSEA WILLIAMS, each a leader in civil rights campaigns in other cities. KING will stay at the Hampton House Hotel, 4200 NW 27th Ave., Miami.

On 4/12-13/66 SCIC Board of Directors will hold semi-annual meeting in Miami; first time session has been held outside of Atlanta. On 4/13/66, at 8 PM, KING will address mass meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 301 NW 9th St., Miami, more than 100 expected to fill church. KING's topic will be the hostility and alienation in the Negro community, according to SCIC.

KING also assisting in establishing local SCIC Chapter. He will leave Miami 4/14/66.

- 4 - Bureau (RM)  
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 5 - Atlanta (RM)  
 (1 - 100-5718 - SCIC)  
 (1 - 100-5586 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
 (1 - 157-644 - HARRY BOYIE)  
 (1 - 157-621 - ANDREW YOUNG)  
 (1 - 157- - ROSEA WILLIAMS)  
 3 - Miami  
 (1 - 157-489 - SCIC)  
 (1 - 100-15079 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
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[REDACTED] advised 4/11/66, that KING is staying in Villas 32 and 33 at Hampton House Motel and Villas. National Board meetings to be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Both Hampton House and Mt. Zion Baptist Church in predominantly Negro area, discreet fisur not feasible and will not be conducted. UACB.

[REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] Miami established sources alerted for pertinent information. These sources have no information regarding any possible racial violence in connection with SCLC activity. However, Sheriff's Office received information 4/7/66, that on that date a call was made to Hampton House as follows: "You had better not let MARTIN LUTHER 'COON' stay in your house." According to [REDACTED] the SCLC is aware of this call.

On 4/11/66 [REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] advised that it was his understanding that a Board meeting was also held this date at the Hampton House Motel and Villas. He had no data concerning this meeting. It is noted that the Villas are located in the interior section of this motel and activity cannot be observed from outside the motel.

This information will be incorporated into an LHM concerning the National Board meetings.



RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1135

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-149194)  
SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC  
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(OO: Atlanta)

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Enclosed are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum reporting the results of NYO's investigation regarding referenced meeting on 4/6/66. Two copies are enclosed for the benefit of the Atlanta Office. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were the sources of the information reported therein. b(2) b(7D)

In addition to affording coverage of the Research Committee through physical surveillance, the NYO also conducted physical surveillances of STANLEY LEVISON in the lobby of the Americana Hotel, to ascertain if KING met any subversives. (S)

- 4-Bureau (100-438794) (Encl. 10) (RM)  
(1-100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 2-Atlanta (100-5718) (Encl. 2) (RM)  
(1-100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 1-NY (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)
- 1-NY (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)
- 1-NY (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (42)
- 1-NY (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)
- 1-NY (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)
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However, no known subversives were observed entering the hotel (S)

During the morning of April 6, 1966, MARTIN LUTHER KING and ANDREW YOUNG were observed leaving the lobby of the Americana Hotel and hailing a cab at the front entrance of the hotel. (It is believed that KING and YOUNG left at this time to attend a meeting with JACK GREENBERG, attorney for the Legal, Education and Defense Fund of the NAACP).

The Agents mentioned in this LHM as conducting a physical observation at 575 Madison Ave. on 4/6/66, are:

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the  
Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference (SCLC)  
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 21, 1966, that Stanley Levison told Clarence Jones on that date, that Harry Wachtel had persuaded Martin Luther King, President of the SCLC, to have a meeting of the SCLC Research Committee in his office on April 6, 1966. (S)

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On April 6, 1966, Special Agents of the FBI observed the following individuals entering the building at 575 Madison Avenue, which building houses the law offices of Harry Wachtel. This occurred during the period 1:20pm to 2:05 pm. u

Bayard Rustin  
Martin Luther King  
Andrew Young, Executive Director of the SCLC  
Stanley Levison  
Cleveland Robinson, Secretary Treasurer  
District 65, Wholesale, Retail and Department  
Store Employees Union, American Federation of  
Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations u  
(AFL-CIO).

Clarence Jones

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. u

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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Bayard Rustin

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the  
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The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. (S)

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(S)  
"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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Harry Wachtel

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice  
President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York. U

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Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an  
adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther  
King, Jr., is the president, and serves to  
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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild: u

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149). u
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950). u
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)" u

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On April 6, 1966, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date, Clarence Jones was in contact with Gloria (Canter, Secretary to Harry Belafonte). According to the source, Jones told Gloria that he did not go to the meeting (of the Research Committee of the SCLC held that day).

Gloria related that they had received information from Stockholm (where a fund-raising affair was held for the SCLC on March 31, 1966) and that for a starter, \$200,000 had been sent to Dr. Martin Luther King. She said there is a possibility of another \$200,000.00. The source stated that Jones and Canter then discussed tax problems and that Jones said he was not going to get involved in it. He added that Harry's (Belafonte's) lawyer should advise "them" (the SCLC).

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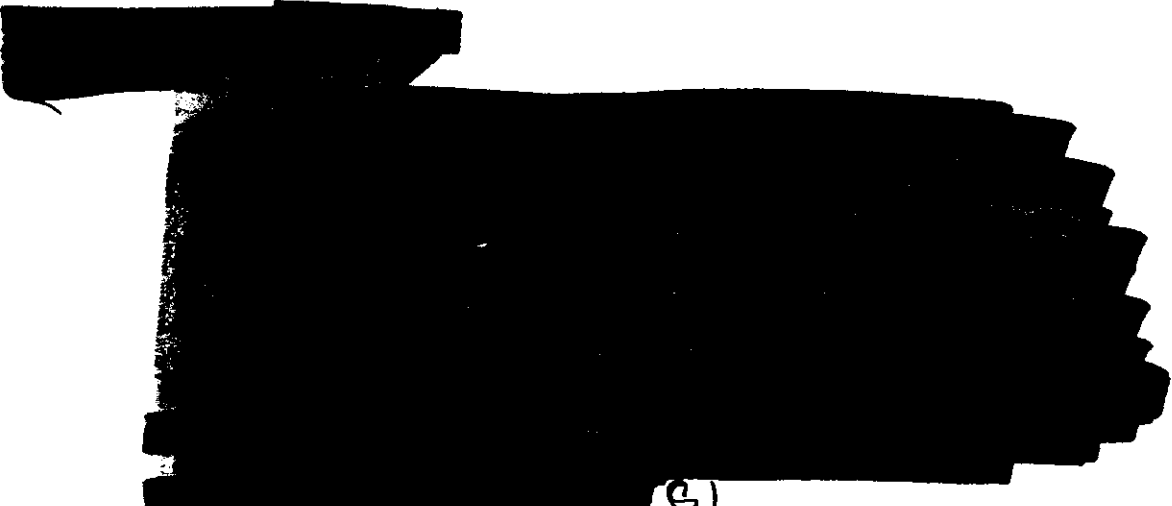
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They then discussed the Paris fund-raising affair held for the SCLC (on March 28, 1966) and it was mentioned that nothing will be realized from it. Gloria estimated that the \$20 or \$25,000 will be used for expenses. U

On April 7, 1966, the source learned that Stanley Levison left word for Clarence Jones that there is to be a staff meeting (of the SCLC) on Monday, (April 11, 1966) and that he would fly down to Miami to attend it. Levison felt that if Jones could make this meeting, he could get a lot out of it. According to the source, Jones' secretary advised Levison that Jones planned to leave for Miami on Monday evening. Levison said he knew Jones was waiting to determine if he, Jones, could leave during the day, but that he wanted Jones to know about the staff meeting. U



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The couples mentioned in this LHM who will be with JONES and his wife in Bimini prior to the SCLC meeting are Mr. and Mrs. JOHN MARQUEE, of [redacted], and Mr. and Mrs. JOHN DREW

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of Birmingham, Alabama. MARQUESE and DREW are associated with  
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On March 31, 1966, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Stanley Levison and Adele Kanter, Director of the SCLC Office in New York City, were in contact on that date. Among the topics considered, according to the source, was the following:

Kanter said Junius (Junius Griffin), Public Relations Director of the SCLC) has resigned as Public Relations Director.

Levison said that he knew that Junius was dissatisfied with his position because he told him so when he (Levison) was in Chicago recently. Levison said Junius was not a public relations specialist by any means, although he had tried to cast the Department (Public Relations Department) in his own image. Levison said he was curious over an article which appeared in "The New York Times" recently portraying the SCLC as having no program in Chicago. Levison said although the article concerning the Chicago situation had originated in the office of Junius, it had actually been approved by Andrew (Andrew Young, Executive Director of the SCLC); therefore, Junius was not to be blamed entirely.

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned on March 31, 1966, that Clarence Jones, intends to go to Miami, Florida on Eastern Airlines Flight Number 29, leaving New York City, on April 11, 1966, at 6:00 p.m. According to the source,

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Jones and his wife and two other couples intend to go to Bimini for several days. Jones indicated that Martin Luther King (President of the SCLC) and his wife would probably join them there. Jones also stated he would be all of Tuesday and Wednesday (April 12 and 13, 1966) with the Kings' (at a meeting of the SCLC Leadership Conference).

The source also ascertained on March 31, 1966, that Clarence Jones' secretary made train reservations for Stanley Levison on the Silver Star leaving New York City for Miami at 10:00 a.m. on April 11, 1966, arriving at 10:50 a.m. on April 12, 1966. According to the source, Levison has accommodations in Bedroom F, Car 5114, on train number 127.

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Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
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Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Tavel	✓
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b7(D) [REDACTED] ADVISED KING ARRIVED CHICAGO APRIL SIX LAST, PM. KING SPENT MORNING OF APRIL SEVEN INSTANTLY AT OFFICES CHICAGO URBAN LEAGUE, SCHEDULED TO APPEAR THIS AFTERNOON AT CCCO OFFICES CHICAGO AND AT AUDITORIUM, U OF ILLINOIS CIRCLE CAMPUS. KING TO ATTEND MEETING AT SOUTH SIDE CHURCH THIS P.M., PURPOSE OR DETAILS NOT KNOWN [REDACTED] NO INFORMATION CONCERNING KING'S DEPARTURE PLANS. CHICAGO PRESS REPORTS APRIL SIX LAST THAT OWNER OF SLUM DWELLING, THIRTEEN TWENTY ONE SOUTH HOMAN AVE., SECURED INJUNCTION ENJOINING KING AND SCLC FROM INTERFERING IN ANY WAY WITH OPERATION OF BUILDING HERE OR COLLECTING RENTS. KING PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING PREMISES AND MUST ACCOUNT IN TWENTY DAYS FOR ANY RENTS PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED FROM TENANTS HERE. SCLC OFFICIAL ADVISED CHICAGO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES, FROM ATLANTA, THAT SCLC WOULD CONTEST THIS INJUNCTION IN SUBSEQUENT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

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FROM CHICAGO (100-35356) 3P

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SMC.

Reference Teletype  
RE CHICAGO TEL. APRIL SEVEN, LAST.

SOURCE ADVISED KING ATTENDED WORKSHOP MEETING  
OF ~~Southern Christian Leadership Conference~~ SOLC, WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS THIS AFTERNOON. KING SCHEDULED TO  
DEPART CHICAGO EIGHT FORTY PM THIS EVENING FOR ATLANTA.

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AVAILABLE TODAY LETTER RECEIVED BY HIM TODAY, POSTMARKED APRIL SEVEN,  
LAST, CHICAGO, FROM A [REDACTED], NO ADDRESS,  
NOT KNOWN TO [REDACTED] LETTER ALLEGED A [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CHICAGO, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD "PUT" THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HAVE  
KING KILLED AND SUPPORTS ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST NEGROES.

[REDACTED] ASSUMES LETTER SENT HIM AS RESULT RECENT PRESS  
STORIES CHICAGO, ASSOCIATING HIM WITH DEACONS FOR DEFENSE AND  
JUSTICE HERE. ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] SET OUT IN NEWS STORIES.

[REDACTED] ADVISES HAS HAD CONTACT WITH DEACONS BUT NOT  
AFFILIATED WITH ORGANIZATION.

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ENOUGH PUNISHMENT FOR HIM.

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*United States Attorney*  
~~USA~~ ADVISED. ~~LHM~~ *Letterhead Memorandum* FOLLOWS. CHICAGO TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION THIS  
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Re: Communist Influence in  
the Southern Christian  
Leadership Conference (SCLC)  
Internal Security - C

On March 30, 1966, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned that Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison were in contact on that date. According to the source, they discussed possible candidates for a position with the American Foundation for Non-Violence. In this respect, they discussed a possible salary of \$10,000 a year. u

Jones and Levison also discussed a board meeting (of the SCLC) to be held in Miami on April 12, 13, 1966. Jones stated that the proposed agenda would include such things as, guaranteed income; negative income tax; increase in the minimum wage; African affairs; Southern program; concentration versus coverage; Chicago and Northern-city programs; school desegregation; involvement in Vietnam; new legislative possibilities; annual convention; staff and community relations; political involvement; general office and personnel; and reports from departments. u

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The source also advised that Jones and Levison discussed going to Miami by train or plane but that no agreement was reached as to how they would travel.

Clarence Jones

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/30/66

Attached reports the comments of Stanley Levison, the long time communist who is a co-advisor to King, concerning the FBI arrest on 3/28/66 of 13 Klan members. We do not intend to disseminate Levison's comments even though favorable to the Bureau because of his disreputable background, nor the fact he is trying to encourage King to make some favorable comments regarding the FBI.

JAMES  
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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Wick \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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FBI NEW YORK

337PM URGENT 3/30/66Y MAPP

TO DIRECTOR /8/ 100-106670 - ENCODED

FROM NEW YORK 100-136585 2P

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR; <sup>Security Matter. Communist</sup> SM-C. OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA.

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[REDACTED] SOURCE CLOSE TO

STANLEY LEVISON, FURNISHED INFORMATION ON NIGHT OF MARCH

TWENTY NINE, SIXTY SIX, WHICH DISCLOSED THAT LEVISON WAS IN

CONTACT WITH BILL (WILLIAM STEIN, CHIEF SCLC FUND RAISER

AMONG CHURCH GROUPS) THAT NIGHT. DURING CONTACT, THEY

MENTIONED KING'S PRESENCE IN EUROPE AND THE FACT HE WOULD

NOT RETURN UNTIL APRIL TEN, SIXTY SIX. ALSO, BILL (BILL

STEIN) INQUIRED OF LEVISON WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT THE FBI'S

ARREST OF THE THIRTEEN KLANSMEN (KU KLUX KLANSMEN IN

MISSISSIPPI ON ~~APRIL~~ MARCH TWENTY EIGHT, SIXTY SIX). LEVISON SAID

IT WAS "OUTSTANDING". LEVISON SAID KING FELT THE FBI WAS NOT

DOING ENOUGH IN THE FIELD (CIVIL RIGHTS), BUT HE (LEVISON)

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THOUGHT THE FBI HAD SERIOUSLY MOVED INTO THIS AREA AND  
HAD BEEN DOING A "TERRIFIC" JOB. LEVISON SAID HE WAS OF OPINION  
THAT KING SHOULD SAY SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT. LEVISON  
SAID "J. EDGAR HOOVER MAY DISLIKE KING INTENSELY, BUT HIS  
MEN ARE NOW DOING A JOB IN THE FIELD".

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Chicago tels 3/23-25/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies, for Atlanta three, of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned individual, and his activities in Chicago as known during the period 3/23-25/66.

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Chicago, Illinois  
March 29, 1966

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On March 23, 1966, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had arrived in Chicago from Atlanta, Georgia, shortly before noon on this date. [REDACTED] advised that his Unit had no schedule of activities for King other than that a meeting was scheduled for this evening, March 23, 1966, at the Warren Avenue Congregational Church, 3101 West Warren Boulevard, Chicago, where the East Garfield Park Community Organization (EGPCO) would hold an open hearing on slums in the area, with King in attendance. b7(D)

The "Chicago Daily News", a Chicago daily newspaper, issue of March 24, 1966, contained an article concerning the March 23, 1966, meeting of the EGPCO. King had presided at this meeting, this neighborhood organization in the East Garfield Park area of Chicago consisting of some 30 neighborhood and block groups. Several hundred persons had attended the meeting, including two white representatives of management firms in the area who handled a total of some 100 buildings, all allegedly slums. Complaints from residents of these buildings were heard, and representatives of the EGPCO gave these building management representatives ten days in which to improve conditions and make necessary repairs on certain selected buildings or the EGPCO would initiate court proceedings to force these repairs. In the event repairs were made, then another set of buildings would be specified, with another ten day deadline given to make repairs. The threat of picketing the real estate offices involved was also suggested in the event the indicated repairs were not made.

In remarks made at the conclusion of this meeting, King promised massive demonstrations in Chicago in his drive against slums, calling upon Negroes to organize in the event peaceful demonstrations are called for.

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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

King was quoted in this article as having stated "We have a power that nobody in Chicago can stop. All you have to do is organize. By the thousands, we will get together. The people in City Hall will see a thing that no man can number and say 'where are they coming from?'"

The "Chicago Sun Times", a daily Chicago newspaper, edition of March 25, 1966, contained an article concerning the March 24, 1966, meeting between Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley and some 35 to 40 local religious and civil rights leaders. Also present at this meeting of March 24, 1966, was Dr. King.

The meeting, lasting some four hours, was called for the purpose of a mutual discussion of the question of how best to rid Chicago of slums and related matters. Local City Department heads briefed those present on the City's programs to improve living conditions and job opportunities of all Chicagoans. This article reflected that during the proceedings, a 20 minute dialogue took place between King and Daley, directed at the specific questions of ridding the City of slums and preventing a Watts type situation from arising in Chicago. Both King and Daley, during later press conferences, described their discussion, and the meeting in general, as very friendly and amicable.

The article continued that subsequent to this conference, King had appeared before the Headline Club, Chicago Chapter of a National professional journalism Society, where King stated that his Chicago campaign against slums and Negro unemployment would be ready to move into high gear by late May, 1966. King estimated, however, that it would be another 18 months before his program here will be operating at full strength. King described the EGPCO as typical of the community organizations he is trying to build here and which will form the basis of his campaign. He is trying to organize such groups in all sections of the City to unify Negro forces here, stating that in such unity there is the necessary strength for achieving the desiring results.

King had stated that the campaign in Chicago is the largest and most ambitious the SCLC has ever undertaken, and that the problems which he is trying to resolve are not being underestimated.

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

King described his movement here as "...a non violent social revolution, which seeks to dramatize its issues...We are not perfect, we will make mistakes, we are not omniscient or omnipotent...and we need a great deal of support."

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on March 25, 1966, advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that King departed from Chicago at 10:30 p.m., this date, via American Airlines for New York City, New York. b7(D)  
He advised that King has reservations to proceed to Paris, France, via Air France, leaving New York City on March 26, 1966.  
[REDACTED] advised that King was to make this travel with Reverend Andrew Young, an aid and SCLC official.

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On 3/25/66, [REDACTED] furnished information concerning a contact between CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON on that date. There are enclosed for the Bureau 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting this contact which concerned the American Foundation for Non-Violence.

- 4-Bureau (100-438794) (Encl. 10) (RM)  
(1-100-106670) (M.L. KING)  
2-Atlanta (100-5718) (Encl. 2) (RM)  
(1-100-5586) (M.L. KING)  
1-NY (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)  
1-NY (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)  
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Re: Communist Influence in the  
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Internal Security - C

6076

On March 25, 1966, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date, Stanley Levison was in contact with Clarence Jones regarding the Foundation (American Foundation for Non-Violence). According to the source, Levison told Jones that he had met with Harry Wachtel and Mrs. Wachtel and that Mrs. Wachtel is no longer thinking about running the Foundation. Levison stated that he talked Wachtel into getting an Executive Director.

The source further advised that Levison indicated he was working at getting someone to work for the Foundation and that he intended to meet with Wachtel again to continue the organization of the Foundation. Jones stated that he also would attend the meeting with Levison and Wachtel.

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Clarence Jones

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
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Re: Communist Influence in the  
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Harry Wachtel

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice  
President of the Gandhi Society for  
Human Rights, New York, New York. u

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A characterization of the National Lawyers  
Guild is attached hereto.

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 e b(1)  
With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, it is to be noted that this organization  
is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
is the president, and serves to raise funds for u  
the SCLC.

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Re: Communist Influence in the  
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1. Internal Security - C APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild: u

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.) u
  - "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.) u
  - "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)" u
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